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1. Several aviation experts have come to Tsingtao from Peiping within the past month. It is claimed that three mechanics and three pilots formerly employed by China National Aviation Corporation in Tsingtao have been sent to Peiping for specialized instruction under Soviet supervision.
2. It is said that Soviet pilots and experts are in Peiping to instruct the Chinese in operating their aircraft, and the USSR has given the Chinese Communists 15 transport planes.
3. It is claimed that an airline is being put into operation between the USSR and China, with stops in China at Harbin, Changchun, Lukden, Peiping and Tientsin.

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[] Comment. [] reports that 200 Soviet advisers were supervising a "new setup of CAT" in Peiping, and states that there were approximately 15 planes under Soviet guard at South Field. [] states that some Soviet aircraft were being used at South Field to train the Chinese Communist Air Force for participation in the Taiwan invasion.

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